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GDR PLANTS CONSTRUCT DOUBLE-DECKER RAILROAD CARS, PLAN 1952 - 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION

The Goerlitz LOWA (Locomotive and Railroad Car Construction) Plant has begun the construction of double-decker railroad cars. This is the first time such cars have been built in the German Democratic Republic (ADE); Dr Bock, well-known car builder, helped in the design. The goal for the year is 36 cars.(1)

The Miesky LOMA Plant has completed a new 40-ton tipper, the first of its kind to be produced in the GDR.(2)

Production plans of the VVB Kraftfahrseug (Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Motor Vehicles) for 1952 - 1955 call for the construction of 162,000 motor vehicles and 50,000 motorcycles. The Investigating Committee of Free Jurists in Hest Germany reports that 52,000 of the vehicles planned will be earmarked for military purposes. There will be caterpillar tractors with two- or three-axle drive; vehicles capable of cross-country travel, which can be used as personnel carriers or as anti-tank-gun prime movers; heavy 6-ton transports; and 2-ton trucks with flat bed completed in 1952, 20 percent in 1953, 28 percent in 1954, and the remainder in 1955. (3)

The first MAS (Machine Rental Station) motor repair shop in Sachsen-Anhalt, one of the most modern in the GDR, has been put into operation.(1)

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